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SUBJECT: IBRD REORGANIZES ITS INDONESIAN UNITS IN  
WASHINGTON AND JAKARTA

1. SUMMARY: WITH A MAJOR REORGANIZATION AND CHANGE OF  
KEY PERSONNEL IBRD (WORLD BANK) ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA  
WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK WITH A MORE CONCENTRATED FOCUS ON  
AGRICULTURE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1.

2. BENGT SANDBERG (SWEDEN), DIVISION CHIEF FOR INDONESIA  
ON THE COUNTRY PROGRAM SIDE WILL MOVE TO THE EAST AFRICA  
REGIONAL OFFICE AND WILL BE REPLACED BY RICHARD D. STERN  
(UK) WHO COMES FROM THE EAST AFRICA OFFICE. (STERN PLANS  
TO VISIT INDONESIA IN MID-AUGUST.) PING CHEUNG LOH  
(TAIWAN) HAS DEPARTED TO REPLACE JOHN MALONE (US) AS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BANK'S RESIDENT STAFF IN JAKARTA,  
AND TO BE IN CHARGE OF AN EVENTUALLY SUBSTANTIALLY  
INCREASED LOAN OFFICER UNIT THERE.

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3. THE AGRICULTURAL WORK OF THE BANK WILL BE CONCENTRATED  
IN TWO MAJOR ELEMENTS (IN WASHINGTON AND JAKARTA) UNDER  
THE DIRECTION OF A NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROJECTS  
(INDONESIA), AMMON GOLAN (ISRAEL). IN A COUNTRY CONCEN-  
TRATION UNIQUE TO THE IBRD, GOLAN WILL HAVE UNDER HIS

DIRECTION THREE AGRICULTURAL UNITS TO FOCUS ON THE GROWING PROGRAM IN THIS SECTOR. THE AGRICULTURE UNIT IN JAKARTA, REMAINING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ALTAF HUSSAIN (PAKISTAN), WILL BE BUILT UP TO ABOUT EIGHT EXPERTS. THE TRANSMIGRATION AND LAND SETTLEMENT UNIT IN WASHINGTON, CONTINUING UNDER ROBERT SADOVE (US) AND A NEW AGRICULTURE PROJECT UNIT UNDER RALPH WADSWORTH (UK) WILL ALL REPORT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GOLAN.

4. IN JAKARTA IT IS PLANNED, OVER TIME, TO HAVE ONLY THE AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS AND THE ENHANCED LOAN OFFICER UNIT, INTERALIA TO IMPROVE LOAN SUPERVISION CAPABILITY, AND TO DISPENSE WITH TECHNICAL FIELD STAFF IN SPECIALITIES OTHER THAN AGRICULTURE.

5. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, PIETER BOTTELIER (DUTCH), RESIDENT IN WASHINGTON, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK ON INDONESIA WITH THREE ECONOMISTS IN WASHINGTON AND THREE IN JAKARTA. BOTTELIER WILL REPORT BOTH TO STERN AND JEAN BANETH, JAKARTA MISSION CHIEF. IN ANOTHER CHANGE, IN THE FUTURE BOTH BANETH AND THE DIVISION CHIEF OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS (STERN) WILL REPORT TO STANLEY PLEASE, DIRECTOR OF THE EAST ASIA COUNTRY PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT. IN THE PAST BANETH HAD BEEN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC VICE PRESIDENT HUSAIN.

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COMMENT: DEPARTMENT/AID WOULD APPRECIATE POST REPORTING ON WHAT THEY MAY PICK UP ON THE REASONS FOR AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE SHIFTS. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE BANK WISHES TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE PRIMACY OF ITS COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS IN INDONESIA AND ORGANIZATIONALLY TO CONCENTRATE AND INTEGRATE THIS FOCUS BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND JAKARTA. IT SHOULD ALSO LESSEN THE INEVITABLE COMPETITION THAT HAD ARISEN BETWEEN THE RATHER AUTONOMOUS TRANSMIGRATION UNIT AND THE REST OF THE INDONESIAN ACTIVITY IN THE BANK.

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